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TAGS: ETRD, GATT

SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL DISCIPLINE FOR SHORT SUPPLY
ACTIONS

REF: STATE 74777

1. ECONCOUNS DISCUSSED REFTEL WITH SENIOR MINISTRY
OF FOREIGN TRADE OFFICIAL (WILLENPART) WHO WILL BE
ATTENDING OECD XCSS NEXT WEEK. STRESSED THAT THIS
WAS ONLY PRELIMINARY US THINKING ON SUBJECT OF
IMPROVING INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK TO GOVERN USE OF
EXPORT CONTROLS AND NOTED THAT TOPIC MIGHT COME UP
DURING SPECIAL SESSION IN PARIS.

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2. WILLENPART SAID THAT SUBJECT WOULD REQUIRE VERY

CAREFUL DELIBERATION AND WONDERED WHETHER TIME WAS RIGHT TO RAISE AN ISSUE THAT WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE OBJECTED TO PARTICULARLY BY OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES. WILLENPART CITED ART. 20 OF GATT, WHICH PERMITS EXCEPTIONS FOR MEASURES FOR THE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMODITIES IN SHORT SUPPLY. HE FELT, HOWEVER, THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO AVOID A CONFRONTATION WITH PRODUCING COUNTRIES, WHICH HE SUSPECTS WOULD OCCUR IF IT WAS ATTEMPTED NOW TO WORK OUT AN INTERNATIONAL DISCIPLINE IN THE GATT. FOR THAT REASON HE FELT DISCUSSION OF SUCH A DISCIPLINE SHOULD BE RESTRICTED FOR THE TIME BEING TO THE OECD.

3. COMMENT: IT IS CLEAR THAT GOA, AS UNDOUBTEDLY OTHER GOVERNMENTS, WILL WANT TO STUDY IMPLICATIONS OF ANY EFFORT TO WORK OUT AN INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING FOR SHORT SUPPLY ACTIONS. IT WOULD SEEM THAT AN APPROPRIATE FIRST POINT OF DEPARTURE TO PURSUE THIS SUBJECT MIGHT BE THROUGH THE ENERGY COORDINATING GROUP AND THAT COUNTRIES LIKE GOA WILL BE MORE RESPONSIVE TO THE IDEA OF AN INTERNATIONAL DISCIPLINE AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN FULLY BRIEFED ON THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE GROUP'S AD HOC WORKING COMMITTEES. TRINKA UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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